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A Note From Pastor Andrew

A bit of housekeeping this week in the e-news. Recently it came to my attention that as we approach our annual congregational meeting, there will continue to be one open position on council, however in a recent conversation there will be another person stepping down. This means there will be two open positions. I'd love to see them filled, but the current council can function without anyone being elected. All of this said to inform you that at our meeting there will be a call from the floor for anyone that may be interested. I would ask though if you read this and feel called by God to serve, if you could contact me prior to the meeting for a brief discussion to address any of your questions. I thank you in advance.

On a different note, as I sit here in my office I realize I haven't written an article that could be considered a "devotion" in a while. Well there is method to my madness. I haven't done that in an attempt to help us all realize just how important it is to take a few minutes every day and connect/reconnect with God. If you're like me when I find myself neglecting God I feel a bit empty, a bit incomplete. Our faith must be and is an important part of us. We need to hear the Word of God in-between Sundays, and one of the best ways to do this is by starting and faithfully practicing the discipline of daily devotions. Saying this, I present to you an opportunity to do just such a devotional discipline. I will be offering a chance for each of you, if you wish, to join me on the journey of 40 Days to Deeper Faith. Beginning February 1, if interested, I will give you the book *Growing in Christ*. This book has 40 days of devotions broken down into seeing Christ in daily life, hearing Christ through the Bible, knowing Christ through a few exercises connected to the day's topic, and finally ways for us to grow with Christ by writing down our thoughts. My prayer is several of you may be interested joining me on this journey. If you have question contact me, but you better hurry I only have six copies of the book.

Lots on the horizon, so I look forward to the weeks ahead serving you the best way I can.

In Humble Service,

Pastor Andrew

Worship and Christian Education Opportunities

River of Hope Worship

The next River of Hope will be Thursday, January 22, 2014;
we have a free meal at 5:45 p.m. with Worship following at 6:30 p.m.
We Worship in the Form of Taizé' - come and check it out!

Beginning February 5 we will be changing things up at River of Hope—Come and find out what is happening!!!

Sunday Worship Time

CTK worship time is 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Fellowship time before worship at 8:15 am and following until 10:45am.

Prayer Time

Every Sunday during communion, Judy Weaver will be available for an optional time of prayer and healing in the back of the sanctuary.

Sunday School

Please sign up to teach our awesome kids!! We will have Sunday school during the first part of the worship service. During offering the kids will come into worship for the Children's message and stay for the remainder of the worship or go back into the nursery. We will still have a nursery attendant during worship. Sunday school is for all kids up to 6th grade.

Bible Study

Please join us every Sunday for "Gospel of John" Pastor Andrew leads this bible study every Sunday between services. We will meet at 10:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Grab a cup of coffee and join us!

Lutheran 101

Every Monday night at 6:30 p.m. We will be meeting in the Conference Room

Announcements

Hosting The Refuge

January 25-February 1 Christ the King, along with Maple Grove Church will be hosting The Refuge Homeless shelter. We need people to sign up to provide meals, snacks and to volunteer at church. Please sign up on the sheets at church or respond to this email if you have questions. Feel free to stop by in the evening to help serve dinner, play games and visit and see how this awesome program in our community works. Stop by even if you did not sign up.

Annual Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, January 25 at 9:45 am (immediately following worship) we will have our annual Congregational Meeting. We will be done by 10:45 a.m. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

CTK Food Pantry

Thank you for the donations we have received. We are still accepting food donations for the CTK pantry; we are helping more families than ever. Please bring in non-perishable items such as, cereal, oatmeal, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, tuna fish, spaghetti o's, canned ravioli, soups, etc... Thank you. Most of the families we serve have young children.

Holy SCRIP-tures

SCRIP cards are still available to purchase!
Please see Karin Anderson for more information.

Altar Flowers

If you have not paid for altar flowers for 2014 please do so now, remember the cost is \$20 for each week. If you are not sure if you have paid, please see Sue in the office. The new flower chart for 2015 is up in the office.

Pancake Breakfast

We will be having a free pancake breakfast on the first Sunday of every month. Please join us upstairs for pancakes and fellowship at 8:00 a.m.

The next breakfast is Sunday, February 1.

Church Council

The next Church Council meeting is Sunday, February 15, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. We meet the third Sunday of every month.

Thrivent

New! Thrivent Member Network

Thrivent Financial proudly presents the Thrivent Member Network. It's was created based on member input, in order to appeal to and engage more people in a way that is meaningful to them as member-owners of Thrivent and in a way that supports the mission of Thrivent to help more people be wise with money, live generously so that more families and communities thrive.

We listened to our members who said the chapter system is too complex and we are responding by reducing the administrative burden placed on so many members. This means chapters in your region will close on June 30, 2015. Beginning on July 1, members will be part of the Thrivent Member Network where a regional board of three to ten members will provide governance, accountability and strategic insight and monitoring of operations and initiatives to help Thrivent leaders achieve its mission in the region. We've transitioned members in other regions from the chapter system to the Thrivent Member Network and the response from members has been overwhelmingly positive.

We've also made it easier for you to make a difference in your community through a new volunteer program called Thrivent Action Teams. All members can volunteer to lead a one-time project team to support a cause they care about through a fundraiser, service activity or educational event. As a member of Thrivent, you will continue to have the opportunity to participate in the Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity, direct Thrivent Choice dollars, and attend financial workshops and other events within the region. To learn more about these programs and all the benefits of membership, visit Thrivent.com. or contact Marsha Schultz at 586-481-9596.

Women of the Blue Water Conference #2

Save the date!! Spring Gathering with Luncheon, Saturday, April 18, 2015, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 3790 W. Water St., Port Huron.

Learning and Sharing with our ELCA/Arabic Mission Congregation, Mother of the Savior in Dearborn.

Program: "A life living/ A gift worth giving" by Pastor Rani Abulmaseh (Pastor of Mother of the Savior Lutheran Church) and Pat Ochodnický (member of SEMI Synod Committee for our companion Synod, ELCJ and currently in the Holy Land since November 2014 and going back in April as a companion member to Palestinians in their towns.

Cost is \$10 per person for lunch and program.

CTK Teams

All our Team meetings are open to everyone. Please stop in and see what we are doing. We would love to have you join a team!

Outreach Team

Next meeting is February 12 at 7:30 p.m. We meet the second Thursday of every month.

Marketing and Publicity Team

Next meeting is February 5 at 7:30 p.m. We meet the first Thursday of every month.

Fellowship Team

Next meeting is on February 8 at 8:30 a.m. We meet the second Sunday of every month

Worship Team

The next Worship team meeting is on January 22, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. We meet the fourth Thursday of every month.

CTK Small Groups

Bible Study

Nora Murray will be opening her home for a Women's Bible Study at 1:00 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is Wednesday, January 21. If you are interested please call Nora at 810-356-5049.

Sowing Threads of Fellowship

Sowing Threads of Fellowship meets the first Tuesday of each month in people's homes. The next meeting time is Tuesday, February 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Nora Murray.

Women's Group

Women's group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at CTK. We share a meal together, share stories and laughter. Come and join us!
The next meeting is February 10. Please bring a dish to share.

Schedule of Events

Every Friday - Pastor Andrew's day off

Wednesday, January 21

1:00 pm Women's Bible Study*

Thursday, January 22

5:00 pm Worship Team meeting
5:45 pm Free Meal
6:30 pm Worship

Sunday, January 25

8:15 am Fellowship
9:00 am Worship
9:00 am Sunday School
9:45 am Congregational Meeting
Begin Hosting The Refuge

Monday, January 26

6:30 pm Lutheran 101
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Tuesday, January 27

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Thursday, January 29

5:45 pm Free Meal
6:30 pm Worship
Host The Refuge

Friday, January 30

Host The Refuge

Saturday, January 31

Host The Refuge

Sunday, February 1

8:00 am Pancake breakfast
9:00 am Worship
9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Bible Study
12:30 pm Bowling League*

Remembering in Prayers**For Extra Healing:**

Dean

Leon (health, brother of Pat Finchem)

John Kovalick (health, father of John Kovalick)

Scott Finchem (son of Dean and Pat Finchem)

Deb Howes (continued good health sister of Sue Halamka)

Gerald & Alvera Houck (health, parents of Paula Kovalick)

Katelyn Gilliam (health, granddaughter of Doug & Linda Gilliam)

Karen Scurich (cancer, cousin of Jeff Anderson)

Judy Dyer (cancer, aunt of Steve Mitchell)

Brenda June (cancer, co-worker of Robin Mitchell)

John Soloy (health, family of Connie Peterman)

Brett Carr and family (friends of Terri Frankenstein)

John Schietecatte (health, brother-in-law of Dean and Pat Finchem)

Hope Venema (health, mother of Chris Venema)

Karin Anderson (health)

Steve and Rhonda Smith (health, son and daughter-in-law of Linda Hash)

Ed and Marcy Howell (health)

Tim Komisak (health, brother of John Komisak)

Kathy M. (cancer, friend of Janet Kropp and Sue Gregory-Herfert)

Janet Kropp (health)

Barbara Osoba (health, friend of Paula Carpenter)

Lisa Ann Wright (cancer, friend of Kelly Greenwald)

Harold Elliott (health, father of Cathy Davis)
Lowery family (family of Cindy Goerke)
Denise Kovacs (health, friend of Karin Anderson)
Mark Noble and family (cancer and strength, friend of Marty and Sharon Stefani)
Bonnie Kay Jenkins (health, cousin of Sharon Stefani)
Marilyn Mitchell (health, mother of Steve Mitchell)
Ken Nelson (health)
Judy Lara (step-mom of Gloria Lara)
Michael Hartman (health, son-in-law of Bill and Dawn Larsen)
Mike and Linda Hash (health)
Charlie Sanchez (health, father of Terri Forthoffer)
Tracey Anderson (healing, sister of Jeff and Karin Anderson)
Shanea Carver (health)
Bob Bradford (health, friend of Gail Carlson)
Marty and Sharon Stefani (health)
Brady (newborn, friend of the Barden family)
Elayna Sandeen (continued good health, 5 year old cousin of Sue Halamka)
Bob Ray (health, friend of Karin Anderson)
Peggy Krummel (cancer, friend of Gail Carlson)
Sarah (niece of Pastor Andrew and Katie Gookin)
Riley Mickle (health)
Gail Carlson (health)
Barb Gottschalk (health, friend of the Halamka family)
Mike Lambourn (health, husband of Debbie Lambourn)
Riley Wiegiersma (grandson of Ken and Terri Frankenstein)
David (nephew of Dean and Pat Finchem)
Linda Lawson (cancer, friend of Jeff Anderson)
Wendolyn Trozzo (health, friend of the Gookin family)
Dana Wilcox (cancer, friend of Sandi Ryan)
Kevin Dyment (recovering from accident, family of Scott and Julie DeWitt)
Ed and Mandy Brown (health and recovering from surgery, friend of the Halamka family)
Christine Johnson
Rinna Family (health, friends of Bill and Dawn Larsen)
Nora Murray (recovering from shoulder surgery)
Barbara Christie (health, mother of Kelly Greenwald)
Josh Todd (health)
Gary Miller (health, nephew of Judy Weaver)
Judy Weaver (upcoming knee surgery)
All those without jobs and seeking employment
Those Left Unnamed

Military Personnel:

Logan Sitze
Mark Stefani
Jeff Wesley
Adam Stern
Benjamin J. Smith
Michelle Sitze
Blake Mason
Megan Belprez
Mark Gottschalk
Kenny Friedle
Ryan Moss

Jacob Labert
Hunter Snow
Caleb Taylor
Nick Strong
Josh Johnson

Partners in Ministry:

Beautiful Savior, Bloomfield Hills
Calvary, Clarkston
First English, Grosse Pointe Woods
Holy Spirit, Grand Blanc
Zion, Ann Arbor
Abiding Presence, Rochester Hills